

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	Case No. 1:06-cr-237
	)	
v.	)	Honorable Robert Holmes Bell
	)	
GILBERTO LOPEZ,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to W.D. MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1, I conducted a plea hearing in the captioned case on May 9, 2007, after receiving the written consent of defendant and all counsel. At the hearing, defendant Gilberto Lopez entered a plea of guilty to Counts 1 and 2 of the Indictment, Count 1 charges the defendant with conspiracy to distribute more than 1,000 kilograms of marijuana in violation of Title 21, U.S.C. §§ 846, and 841(a)(1). Count 2 charges the defendant with possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana, in violation of Title 21, U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find that defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; that the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by defendant; that it is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises; that the defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law; and that the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.

I therefore recommend that defendant's plea of guilty to Counts 1 and 2 of the Indictment be accepted, and that the court adjudicate defendant guilty. It is further recommended that the order setting conditions of defendant's release remain in effect pending sentencing. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the district judge. The clerk is directed to procure a transcript of the plea hearing for review by the District Judge.

Date: May 9, 2007

/s/ Timothy P. Greeley  
TIMOTHY P. GREELEY  
United States Magistrate Judge

**NOTICE TO PARTIES**

You have the right to de novo review of the foregoing findings by the district judge. Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than ten days after the plea hearing. *See* W.D. MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1(d).